## **Vocabulary List:**

The following vocabulary words are those most likely to be used when students visit Wind Cave National Park. They are included here for use by teachers and/or students. You may use them to enhance the students' oral vocabulary. Students should leave Wind Cave with a good understanding of these words and concepts.

adapt - to change or adjust to new surroundings or conditions.

**behavior** - the way something behaves or acts.

carnivore - a meat-eating animal; example: an eagle.

**cave** - a hollow space inside the earth large enough for a person to enter.

**community** - a group of plants and animals in a given place or area that depend on each other.

**different** - not alike, not the same.

**environment** - surroundings; all of the things which surround and influence the development of an organism.

**extinct** - a plant or animal that is no longer found, for example: dinosaurs.

**forest** - a thick growth of trees and shrubs covering a large area.

**habitat** - the place where a plant or animal lives.

**herbivore** - a plant-eating animal; example: a bison.

**home** - a place where something sleeps.

**limestone** - a sedimentary rock made of the shells and skeletons of sea animals.

**omnivore** - an animal that will eat meat or plants; example: a coyote.

**pollution** - the act of making dirty; to pollute.

**prairie** - a large treeless area covered with grasses.

**predator** - an animal that catches and kills another animal for food.

**prey** - an animal that is caught by a predator.

protect - to keep from injury or danger.

**similar** - nearly the same; almost alike.

web - a series of connecting strands, for example: a spider web.